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Nerin E. Gun, "Red Roses from Texas" 12/1/68

Even the hastiest reading of this book discloses carelessness with fact that is inconsistent with responsible reporting and writing, the open manufacture of quotations, carelessness in repeating famous quotes, as from Kennedy's inaugural address, and the alteration, while within quotation marks, of American usage to make it more understandable to English readers.

There is gross factual error, not just careless writing. There is no need to list them and they are too numerous.

However, there is value in Gun's knowledge, and some of it may be substantially correct. It does shed light on some of the government's interests. At the same time, I think not a single thing in it can be accepted as accurate without independent corroboration, even when it is first-person stuff, for Gun is that haphazard with fact.

There are several passages of more than casual interest. Among these are page 168, where he says Bringuier "remembers that Oswald...suggested infiltrating the ranks of Castro's supporters on their behalf".

On page 169, the Mexican police knew on November 23, 1963, that Oswald had crossed the border, etc.

On page 170 is the suggestion Oswald could have gone to Cuba from Merida. This explains the seemingly pointless reference in the FBI report of its questioning of William George Gaudet, formerly CIA, to his disbelief that a pro-Castro would have gone to Merida. This, in turn, indicates deception or dissembling in his later testimony by J. Edgar Hoover when he pretended the FBI had no knowldge of Gun's book. Of course, it is also possible he had the same Mexican source as Gun.

Minor, page 183, if Manchester had done his elemental reading, he'd have know the entire story of the bible-missal.

On page 204, he has Hosty, in 1961 (?), asked LHO to join the pro-Castros. He indicates no source or basis. On the same page he says the "Texas Medical Journal" quotes the Parkland doctors as saying there was a front entrance.

On the next page, 205, he says Buddy Walthers told him he found a bullet on the south side of Elm Street. Whether or not Walthers said exactly this, it is not unreasonable to suppose he did speak to Walthers at the time of the assassination and may have notes of this and other inquiries he then made. If the notes may be undependable, they also ought to be worth examining, if they can be borrowed. In any event, Liebeler did get instruction he promptly ignored to get Walthers on the record about the report he had found a bullet.